GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Air Services from Domestic Airports
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of domestic airports in the country from where air services have not yet started; State/UT-wise;

(b) the total income per annum being earned by the Government from each airport in the country;

(c) whether the Union Government has proposed to shut down the airports running in loss, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the work in regard to new airports announced has begun during the last three years; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the names of States where the said work has not begun?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a): Out of a total of 476 airports/airstrips in the country owned by Defence establishments, Airports Authority of India (AAI), State Governments, Private Companies, etc., only 126 airports are owned and managed by AAI. Out of these 126 airports, 31 airports are non-operational and 22 airports are operational without scheduled flight operations. The details are at Annexure-I.;
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(b): The details of total revenue generated by airports owned and managed by Airports Authority of India during the years 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 are at Annexure-II;
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(c): No, Madam. There is no such proposal at present.;
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(d) & (e): During the last three years, Government of India has granted "in principle" approval for setting up of Greenfield Airports at Dholera in Gujarat and Dagadarthi Mendal, Nellore Dist., Bhogapuram in Vizianagaram District near Visakhapatnam and Oravakallu in Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh and 'site clearance' approval for setting up of airports at Bhiwadi, District Alwar, Rajasthan and Kothagudem, District Khammam, Telangana. As per the Greenfield Airport Policy, the development of any airport is responsibility of the airport developer. The timeline for construction of airport project depends upon many factors such as land acquisition, availability of mandatory clearances, financial closure, etc. by the individual operator.